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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A beverage container comprising a ~~cup-type~~ compartment having an opening and comprising a cover to be placed on said opening, said cover having an inner component and an outer component detachably connected to said inner component, between said inner component and said outer component connected to the inner component a cavity being formed for receiving at least one object ~~or more objects~~, said cavity comprising two main surfaces being parallel to one another, wherein the two main surfaces of the cavity are at an angle of $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ to an opening plane formed by the opening, wherein the inner component and the outer component each comprise an aligned drinking straw opening for introducing a drinking straw into the compartment provided with the cover, the drinking straw openings being arranged outside the cavity.

2. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 1, wherein α is between 3° and 70° .

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 1, wherein the opening has a circular cross-section.

5. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 1, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.

6. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 4, wherein, when the cover is placed on top, an axis A of the opening and an axis B of the cavity are radially offset relative to one another by $X = 1$ to 20 mm and are at an angle α relative to one another.

7. (Canceled)

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8. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 1, wherein a disk-type object, comprising a round or shaped compact disc, is placed into the cavity (7).

9. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 8, wherein the outside diameter of the disk-type object is identical to or 0.01 to 5 mm smaller than the inner diameter of the cavity.

10. (Previously Presented) The cover for a container according to claim 1, wherein the cover has an inner component and an outer component detachably connected to said inner component between said inner component and said outer component connected to the inner component, a cavity is formed for receiving one or more objects, said cavity comprising two main surfaces being parallel to one another, and wherein the two main surfaces of the cavity are at an angle of $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ to a closing plane.

11. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 1, wherein α is between 10° and 50° .

12. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 1, wherein α is between 10° and 30° .

13. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 6, wherein the axis A of the opening and the axis B of the cavity are radially offset relative to one another by $X = 3$ to 10 mm.

14. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 6, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.

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15. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 8, wherein the disk-type object comprises a mini-compact disc.

16. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 2, wherein a disk-type object comprising a round or shaped compact disc is placed into the cavity.

17. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 16, wherein the outside diameter of the disk-type object is identical to or 0.01 to 5 mm smaller than the inner diameter of the cavity.

18. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the opening has a circular cross-section.

19. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 4, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.

20. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 8, wherein the cavity is cylindrical and the main surfaces of the cavity are cylinder front surfaces.